

MEMORANDUM

To: Graduate School
From: Anne Hirsch, Senior Associate Dean, College of Nursing
Date: February 25, 2009
Subject: Certificate Program Approval Request

The College of Nursing is requesting approval of four graduate certificate programs: Post Master's Family Nurse Practitioner, Post Master's Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Nursing Leadership and Nurse Educator.

The advantages for students enrolled in these certificate programs include the ability to apply for more than 9 credits, the achievement of the certificate will appear on their official WSU transcript, the certificate will have the official seal of WSU and financial aid will be more readily available. Additional benefits include the attainment of a well organized and articulated body of knowledge related to their nursing specialty, the possible advancement of their professional nursing career and identification with the WSU College of Nursing as well as the university regardless of their community.

The Nurse Educator Program

The planned program of study includes four theory courses and a clinical practicum. For program completion, each participant must earn 12 semester credits of nurse educator theory and must complete 3 semester credits of practicum for a total of 15 semester credits at the master's level. The 3 semester credits of practicum translate to a total of 135 hours of preceptor supervised time. Program participants may enroll in practicum courses along with the theory courses or, if preferred, they can opt to take the practicum/internship portion of the requirement, in a separate practicum course anytime after the first year.

The theory courses - Teaching, Learning and Evaluation in Nursing (N521), Nursing Education: Past, Present and Future (N523), Teaching in the Information Age (519) and Teaching in a Multicultural Society (N520) - are all taught in a hybrid mix of face-to-face and web-based delivery. Through web-based technology, educational software, streaming video, communication tools and electronic mail, this program is accessible to potential and current nurse educators in their home communities. The practicum, Advanced Community Health Nursing practice (556) is offered each year and is not specific to education. Through mentored relationships and structured teaching experiences, the nurse educator program offers the personal and professional support that fosters reflective teaching practice.

In addition to increasing the number of nurse educators and improving their ability to practice using distance technologies, the program fosters nurse educators' cultural competence and supports the development of a diverse nursing workforce. Course content includes issues directly related to working with diverse populations, as well as underrepresented and disadvantaged students.

The Nursing Administration Program

This certificate program has been designed for nurse administrators who are seeking advanced education in organizational leadership, quality management/care management, professional practice environments, organizational systems management and communications/collaboration. For certificate program completion, each student must successfully complete the following three credit hour theory courses: NURS 532: Resource Stewardship; NURS 565: Information Management for Clinical Practice; NURS 576: Organizational Leadership; and NURS 597: ⁵⁹¹Quality Improvement/Outcomes and Program Evaluation. ⁵¹⁷ These courses explore key concepts relevant to today's healthcare marketplace and are presented from the perspective of multiple clinical practice settings, including acute care institutions, clinic and outpatient settings, public health environments, and community health settings. Students who complete these 12 hours of graduate level educational courses may be eligible to sit for the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Nurse Executive, Advanced certification, pending attainment of all eligibility criteria.

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**Washington State University College of Nursing
Family Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate**

Nurses who have graduated from a prior masters program and wish to obtain a post-masters certificate in the field of Family Nurse Practitioner will need to take the following courses unless previously completed.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| NURS 562 | Adv. Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis | 4 (3 class; 1 lab) |
| NURS 563 | Adv. Pharmacology Concepts & Practice | 4 (3 class; 1 lab) |
| NURS 575 | Diagnostic Testing & Interpretation | 3 (2 class; 1 lab) |
| NURS 581 | Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology | 4 |
| NURS 570 | Clinical Decision Making | 1 (lab) |
| NURS 537 | Role Analysis: Advanced Practice | 2 |
| NURS 567 | Primary Care Families: Adults & Elders | 4 (1 seminar; 3 clinical) |
| NURS 568 | Primary Care Families: Infants, Children & Adolescents | 4 (1 seminar; 3 clinical) |
| NURS 569 | Primary Care: Family | 4 (1 seminar; 3 clinical) |
| NURS 595 | Internship | 5 (clinical) |
| | TOTAL | 35 |

Students who did not take equivalents of the following courses in a previous master's degree program will need to take them in addition to the above courses.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| NURS 503 | Scientific Inquiry in Nursing | 2 |
| NURS 504 | Methods of Nursing Research | 4 |
| NURS 507 | Health Care Policy Analysis | 2 (optional 3 rd credit) |
| NURS700/702 | Thesis or Research Project | 4-6 |

**Washington State University College of Nursing
Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Post-Master's Certificate**

Nurses who have graduated from a prior masters program and wish to obtain a post-masters certificate in the field of Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner will need to take the following courses unless previously completed.

| Course | Title | Credits |
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| NURS 541 | Psych/Mental Health Nursing: Individual | 4 (3 class; 1 clinical) |
| NURS 542 | Role Development & Practice Management for the PMHNP | 2 |
| NURS 543 | Psych/Mental Health Nursing | 4 (3 class; 1 clinical) |
| NURS 546 | Practicum in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing | 4-5; (1 class; 3 clinical) |
| NURS 548 | Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Internship | 4 (clinical) |
| NURS 549 | Addiction Perspectives | 2 |
| NURS 561 | Adv. Assessment & Diagnosis for PMHNP | 3 |
| NURS 562 | Adv. Health Assessment & Differential Diagnosis | 4 |
| NURS 525 | Adv. Family Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner: Pharmacology | 3 |
| NURS 581 | Advanced Physiology & Pathophysiology | 4 |
| | TOTAL | 34-35 |

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| Course | Title | Credits |
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| NURS 503 | Scientific Inquiry in Nursing | 2 |
| NURS 504 | Methods of Nursing Research | 4 |
| NURS 507 | Health Care Policy Analysis | 2 (optional 3 rd credit) |
| NURS700/702 | Thesis or Research Project | 4-6 |